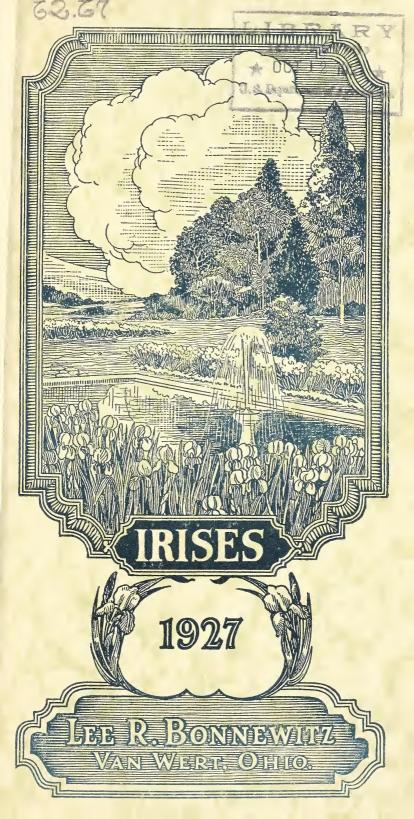
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Read Before Ordering

Acceptance of Orders

All orders will be booked and shipped in rotation, subject to stock being unsold or available on receipt of order. Orders should be placed early to avoid possibility of stock being sold out. However, refunds will be promptly made for varieties we are not able to furnish.

Time of Shipment

We will ship all Iris rhizomes (roots) immediately, unless later shipment is desired, in which case we will hold your roots until the shipping date you give with your order.

Method of Shipping-Prepaid

If no instructions accompany order as to method of shipping, it will be forwarded by express or insured parcel post, whichever seems most advisable. The prices quoted cover transportation and insurance charges. However, if you wish to have your order shipped by express, transportation charges collect, you may deduct 4c from the price of each rhizome.

Terms

Cash with order.
Make all remittances payable to Lee R. Bonnewitz.

Substitutions

We make no substitutions unless instructed to do so.

Size of Rhizomes (roots)

Rhizomes shipped in August will be larger than those sent out in July, but the smaller rhizomes, planted early, will have more time to anchor themselves and grow in your garden, and usually make better plants the following season.

Guarantee

We guarantee all plants to arrive in good order, but if any shipment arrives in unsatisfactory condition, it should be returned, collect, immediately. We cannot guarantee our plants to become established under all growing conditions, but we do guarantee good, strong, healthy roots which will bloom true to name. If any variety does not bloom true, we will refund the amount paid for it.

Prices in this Catalog supersede all others.

IRISES

1927

Descriptive List
of
IRISES



LEE R. BONNEWITZ VAN WERT, OHIO



The Iris---Queen of Garden Beauties

"Sunbeams imprisoned that fall to earth and grow;

The lovely ling'ring blush of sunset afterglow.

The whiteness of the snows, a gleam of garish gold,

A wave of royal purple, a dash of yellow gold."

-G. H. Dalzell.

RIS, the "rainbow flower"! How aptly named! Its rich, deep, velvety purple, copper-red, red-purple, violet, lilac-pink, silvery lavender, blue, buff and rose tints, yellow and maroon combinations, soft yellows, and pure whites, will enchant you with a gorgeous display of color, life, and beauty in your garden that no other perennial can approach.

The Iris is the connecting link between the spring and summer blooming flowers—it blooms just as the last spring flower disappears, and continues blooming until the buds of the summer flowers open. The Iris will be a welcome flower in your garden—more especially if you are seeking plants which will make your garden an everblooming one, without a break in Nature's splendid succession of beauty from early Spring to late Fall.



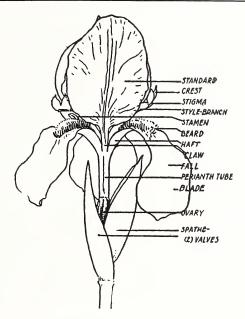
Mother of Pearl

The Joy of Growing Really Fine Irises

O YOU who leve flowers—but do not know the joy of an Iris Garden of your own—this book brings an opportuni y for new and happy adventure! The color range of each sp!endid variety is revealed so that even though you have never grown Irises you will find it easy to choose, from this descriptive list, varieties that will add undreamed of beauty to your garden.

The Iris enthusiast perusing these pages will find beautiful Irises that, when blooming in his garden, will bring forth his utmost admiration and add to his enthusiasm for this wonderful flower. The Iris collector will find in this list descriptions of many new and charming Irises that deserve a prominent place in his collection and that will give him a gorgeous array of color from the deepest, richest tones to the most delicate tints imaginable.

The growing of Irises and flowers of all kinds is one of the greatest and most wholesome pleasures in which a man or woman can indulge. Graceful and stately Irises—rainbow pennons of Nature's golden handiwork—will enhance the beauty of garden and home and, when cut, bring fragrance and sun!it beauty within. If you have not yet learned the joy of growing your own flowers, start now. Start with Iris, queen of the perennials—hardy, easy to grow and transcending all in sheer, delightful beauty!



A Word About Descriptions

T IS hard to picture in words the beauty of Irises. The diagram cut shown above will assist in placing the colors mentioned in the descriptions. "S" refers to standards, the three upper petals, and "F" to falls, the three lower petals of an Iris.

We have given the height of each variety as it grew in our garden this year, but climatic and soil conditions regulate that to a certain extent, and so height will vary slightly in different localities. However, the information given here can be safely used as a guide when comparative height is to

be considered in the selection of Irises.

The word appearing in parenthesis after each Iris is the name of the originator of the variety, and the number given below the variety is the percentage rating of value (based on 100%) given the Iris by the American Iris Society. A rating of 95 is considered almost perfect; 90, very fine; 85, fine; 80, very good. Nearly all of the varieties which have no number below them are recent introductions, and have not yet been rated.

Immediately following the name of the originator of some varieties will be found the words "Ricardi Strain". The original Ricardi Irises came from the dry uplands of Asia, where they do not have excessive winter rains. In this locality we have found it advisable to protect the varieties of Ricardi strain during the winter months by placing boards

or boxes over them to keep off the excessive rainfall.

In 1917 Mr. Bliss, of England, introduced to the Iris world, Dominion, an Iris of excellent, velvety substance.

Since that time he has raised and introduced quite a number of fine seedlings from this Iris. These varieties are noted for the extra heavy, velvety substance of the falls, and they are designated in this catalog by the words "Dominion Seedling" immediately following the originator's name.

Tall Bearded Irises

- ANDREE AUTISSIER (Denis). Ricardi strain. As this beautiful lris bloomed in my garden this year, it appeared to me to match the blue in the sky better than any other variety, not even excepting Wedgewood. It has white and bronze markings at the throat, yellow beard and it is well branched. Unfortunately, it increases very slowly and although I have had it several years, I have very few roots for sale \$7.50

- ARAC (Yeld). S. arching, blue-violet with silver sheen; F. rich deep violet-purple with red-brown markings on cream base; orange beard. Probably better quality than Lord of June but somewhat smaller in size. Height 40 inches \$2.00

- ARIEL (Murrell). Light violet self. Yellow beard. The flower is of good shape and color and is a profuse bloomer. Height 15 to 18 inches. Good erect grower.

- ARMAND CLAVAUD (Denis). S. intense canary yellow slightly pencilled violet all over; F. white, dotted maroon and margined canary yellow. Small flower.

 Late \$1.00

- ASKABAD. S. lavender-blue; F. blue-purple. Midseason.
 Height, 36 inches \$1.00
- ASSYRIAN (Bliss). S. lavender-blue. Midseason......\$1.00
- AUREA (Jacques). S. and F. rich chrome-yellow......\$0.35
- AURORA. Delicate lilac-pink. An attractive, tall, landscape variety. Midseason. Height, 30 to 36 inches...........\$0.35
- AUSTRALIS. Pallida Dalmatica type, with a little more rose in its coloring than that variety. Late. Tall and vigorous like Clio \$0.35
- AZURE GLOW (Weed). "S. dull violet-blue; F. madder violet. Late. A taller, darker Chester Hunt."—Originator's description\$1.00

- BALLERINE (Vilmorin). S. pallid blue-violet, a lit le deeper 94 at tip, well arched; F. wisteria violet veined red-brown on cream base, almost circular; lemon yellow beard. An excellent flower of good substance and medium size. It stands up very well in the garden. Regarded by some enthusiasts as better than Lord of June which is giving it high praise, indeed. Height, 33 inches. Midseason \$1.00

- BENRIMO (Perry). Nearly a perfect blue self with a 27 to 33 inch, well branched bloom stalk......\$2.00
- BERTRAND (Bliss). Dominion Seedling. "Flowers of extra size. Standards three inches broad and well arched, of bright lavender-violet, tinged and suffused Hay's violet in the center. F. brilliant rich velvety hyacinth-violet to mulberry purple." This description comes from England as this variety failed to bloom in my garden this season \$15.00
- BLUE JAY (Farr). S. bright clear blue-purple; F. intense dark blue-purple. Regarded by some Iris enthusiasts as the best dark blue variety. We would like to find an Iris with this exact color which is twice as large and a half taller \$0.35
- BOUREM (Cayeux). One of the newest varieties from Mr. Cayeux's garden in France. S. magenta, slightly tinted buff and spotted lilac; F. deep, velvety pansy purple, marked red-brown on cream base; brownish-yellow beard. Style arms russet spotted yellow with dull violet through center. A little more rose in its coloring than in Opera but possibly not as good as Opera. Height 30 to 33 inches \$15.00
- BRONZE LADY (Weed). S. tan suffused with rose; F. rose lilac with orange beard. Medium small bloom............\$0.50

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- BRUNO (Bliss). Dominion Seedling. S. light heliotrope-grey, tinted bronze; F. very deep violet-purple, lighter at edge, veined white at base; orange beard. This variety has the characteristic Dominion quality. The comments and praise on Bruno during last year's blooming season easily won for it a place as one of the three best varieties in the Dominion seedling group. The new variety, Grace Sturtevant, has even more brown in its color than Bruno and we know that all of our customers will be glad to see it.
- CAMELOT (Bliss). S. and F. creamy white edged with pale 81 violet. One of the latest blooming varieties in the plicata group. This is a very clean looking, dainty plicata, giving a splendid effect in the garden, is 36 inches high, and is probably the tallest growing plicata. Very floriferous \$0.50
- CARDINAL (Bliss). Dominion Seedling. S. distinctive shade of lavender, overlaid rose, and nicely arched at the top; F. large, rich prune-purple, carrying the distinctive Dominion shape and texture. This variety was the most popular in our garden last year during the blooming season, and in our opinion, on account of its perfect habit and the beauty and quality of the bloom, it may be deemed the best Iris now in cultivation......\$20.00

- CENGIALTI—Species. S. lavender-blue; F. soft violet-blue. \$0.50

- CHATELET (Vilmorin). A lilac pink variety from France which this year was not only taller, larger, and of better color than ever before, but its blooms were larger than Dream. Harriet Presby was the only pink lilac variety which exceeded it in both size and height. Some visitors ranked it with Susan Bliss and although it is probable that the very rainy spring was responsible for some of its added color, yet it is probably a more valuable lilac pink variety than lris growers have previously believed......\$2.00
- CHESTER HUNT (Farr). One of the standard blue varieties.

 Useful for work on the landscape......\$0.50

- CLAUDE MONET (Cayeux). S. pure canary-yellow; F. garnet-red with yellow margin and cream base veined redbrown. Orange beard. A very good flower of branching habit. A new Iris not to be confused with Mme. Claude Monet. Height 33 to 36 inches..........\$10.00

- CLUNY (Vilmorin). S. light lavender; F. darker lavender, 86 shading toward blue, with purple brown markings at the base. A mid-season blooming, vigorous, tall growing lris; good as a landscape variety, and also as a specimen plant \$0.75\$
- COLONEL CANDELOT (Millet). S. bronze, overlaid with 80 red-lavender; F. rich velvety crimson-purple, reticulated white at the base. This lris makes a good approach toward red, and, while the bloom is small, the color tone and growing habit are excellent and very valuable for mass planting \$0.50
- CONCHOBAR (Bliss). Dominion Seedling. Color, rich purple, with a slight approach toward red. This late blooming Dominion Seedling is similar to Cardinal, but has a trifle more red in its falls than that variety. Conchobar has been making excellent growth in our garden and evidently produces more increase than many other Dominion Seedlings. One of the very best varieties. \$20.00
- CORA (Millet). S. violet to purple tinted bronze at base;
 F. deep violet with white markings at base. Early
 blooming variety with a deep red purple effect when
 used on the landscape \$0.35

- CYPRIANA—Species. S. violet-blue; F. deep violet-blue, 87 tinted rose. Late. Height, 30 to 33 inches. This lris like others of distinct species is of interest to students \$0.50
- DAISY HILL (Smith). S. deep blue-violet; F. deeper, with more violet in the blue. In a class with Miranda; an excellent landscape variety. Mid-season. Height 36 inches \$0.50
- DALILA (Denis). S. white, slight tinted lilac; F. rich 80 violet-red with some white and brown veins at base.
 Orange beard. A most excellent variety. Height, 18 to 21 inches \$0.35
- DAPHNE (Bliss). S. pure white; F. blue-purple not as dark as B. Y. Morrison. F. are margined white and veined red-brown and bronze on white base. Yellow beard. A very good flower, in a class with Rhein Nixe. Height 33 inches \$1.50
- DEJAH (Perry). S. dark silver-blue; F. bright mauve-blue; bold yellow and white beard. Not quite as much rose in its coloring as in Sweet Lavender, but Dejah is taller than that variety. Midseason. Height, 40 inches......\$1.50
- DEUCALION (Perry). S. apricot suffused with rose-lilac. F. have border slightly darker than S. with rich red-

- DEUIL DE VALERY MAYET --- See Valery Mayet.
- DIADEM (Bliss). S. pale lilac-rose; F. deep red mauve; very bright orange beard. The flowers are of medium size, and the foliage is almost as high as the bloom. Splendid landscape variety for red-lilac effect. Midseason. Height 36 inches \$1.00
- DISTINCTION (Cayeux). S. rosy mauve; F. deeper rose-mauve with bronze markings on cream base. Good bright orange beard. Style arms yellow with mauve through center. An excellent flower of very good color and good substance. A dainty medium-size bloom. A very distinctive color. Nothing quite like it. Height 30 to 33 inches \$7.50

- DURIEU (Denis). S. light lilac-blue; F. darker, with a redlilac color. A good light lilac-blue self. Late. Height, 40 inches \$2.50

- ECKESACHS (Goos and Koenemann). S. light lavender violet; F. deep velvety violet. The bloom is large, opens in midseason, and is in a class with Lord of June, having more substance in the standards than that variety......\$1.00

- EVADNE (Bliss). S. deep rose-violet, slightly tinted buff; F. very rich velvety rose-violet, deeper than S.; F. veined

red-brown on white base. Burnt orange beard. Style arms deep yellow with violet through center. A splendid medium size flower of good substance; prolific bloomer; good color and height for landscape effect. The color effect as a landscape variety is a deeper rose than we find in any other well known variety. Height, 36 inches \$7.50

- FEDORA (Cayeux). S. old gold; F. rich red-violet, edged old gold. White and old gold markings at base of F. Midseason. The S. are not as yellow as Iris King, but Fedora is taller than that variety. George Yeld and Fedora are somewhat similar, but the red-purple in Fedora is a little darker than in George Yeld. Visitors in our garden admired Fedora and from our own observation we found it to be an excellent variety. Height, 24 inches \$3.00
- FENTON (Hort). S. lavender-blue; F. deeper, containing some purple; yellow beard. Very large bloom. I am anxious to get other growers' experience with all the Hort or Newland varieties. Some of them have not impressed me as much in my own garden as they did when I saw them in Sir Arthur's own garden in England.....\$5.00
- FERONIA (Perry). S. soft rose-bronze; F. old rose heavily lined madder crimson; sulphur beard. Very much like Leverrier. Excellent. Mid-season. It should be planted in front of shrubbery on account of its great height. Height, 40 to 44 inches......\$2.00
- FISMES (Millet)—Ricardi Strain. One of Millet's new Irises. A tall variety with well branched stalk. S. creamy white, deepening to yellow at the base; F. a soft reddish lavender with white and olive lines at base. Splendid orange beard. Flower of good size and very pleasing appearance. Probably should rate 5X. Height 33 to 36 inches \$5.00
- FOLKWANG (Goos and Koenemann). One of the new lrises from Germany. S. very light lilac; F. violet-purple shading to mauve at edges with red-brown reticulations on white base. Style arms yellow with light violet through center. Orange beard. Medium size bloom. The foliage is nearly as high as the bloom stalk. Height, 36 to 40 inches \$2.00
- FORSETE (Goos and Koenemann). S. soft bluish-violet; F. same with a little more violet in its coloring and a few olive markings on a very light violet base. Height 40 to 44 inches. Splendid height for landscape effect........\$2.00
- FOSTER'S YELLOW (Foster). Sulphur yellow self........\$0.35
- FRANCINA (Bliss). S. white, veined violet purple; F. white, edged purple, showing more white than S. Midseason. In a class with Mme. de Sevigne. Height, 36 to 40 inches \$0.75
- FUERSTIN LONYAY (Goos and Koenemann). S. red-lilac; F. red madder lilac, slightly darker than S. General

- GABRIEL (Bliss). Dominion Seedling. "S. very broad and rounded and finely arched, bright clear steel-blue; F. as broad as the S. and flat hanging, light violet-blue, suffused deeper at the haft. This beautiful Iris is a big advance on E. H. Jenkins, and is quite as free flowering, and cannot be too strongly recommended." This description and recommendation came from Mr. Murrell of the Orpington Nurseries, England \$20.00
- GANDHI (Burchfield). "S. medium dark shade of blue gray; F. round, flaring, a dark rich velvety purple, shading lighter at margin; haft, whitish ground, coffee brown at sides; the veining is so wide and close together that the ground can hardly be seen."—Originator's description \$2.00

- GLADYS ROBERTS (Perry). S. and F. both bright red-lilac with white lines at the base. Golden yellow beard......\$1.50

- GLORY OF READING (Farr). S. deep blue; F. Royal purple; conspicuous orange beard; large handsome flowers, fragrant \$0.35
- GOLDEN PROMISE (Neeley). S. citron-yellow; F. chrome, tinted lavender, bronze markings at the base. Bright orange beard. The flower has good substance, is an erect grower and blooms profusely. While the F. are not pure yellow like Amber, yet on account of its greater size this variety has probably more merit as a landscape variety

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- HALO (Yeld). An Iris of the Lord of June type with colors 88 somewhat similar to Ann Page. Height, 40 inches.....\$1.00
- HARMONY (Dykes). Deep violet-purple self with a blue beard. The effect of this self colored lris with a harmonizing beard won for it in England, at the show of the Royal Horticultural Society, an Award of Merit in 1921. The flower is of good size, has long falls, and the bloom holds up well. It is a tall grower, particularly effective in mass. This is a better lris than Blue Boy, the only other lris we know to have a blue beard. Midseason. Height, 30 inches \$3.50
- HARPALION (Perry). S. lavender; F. clear lavender-blue, with a bright orange beard. Midseason. Probably in a class with Mady Carriere, but has a softer tone than that variety. Good color for blue effect. Height, 36 to 40 inches _______\$2.00
- HELENA (Newlands). S. violet-blue; F. deeper richer violetblue; orange beard. Medium size bloom. Bright green foliage ten inches high. Height of bloom stalk 15 tα 18 inches. Early \$2.00
- HELEN KOEHLER (Koehler). S. medium lilac-pink; F. amparo-purple with red-brown markings on cream base; orange beard. Deeper in color than Rheingauperle, Fairly good flower of medium size. Height 27 to 30 inches. The foliage grows as tall as the bloom stalk \$2.50

- HIAWATHA (Farr). S. pale lavender; F. rich velvety pansyviolet reticulated white at base and edged lavender......\$0.35
- HON. MRS. THOMAS KINGSCOTE (Perry). S. and F. silvery rose-lilac with the falls slightly darker than S., giving an effect on the landscape slightly ligh er in tone than Susan Bliss. As this variety is 36 to 40 inches tall it is excellent for a landscape variety when planted in front of shrubbery \$2.50

- HIPPOLYTA (Newlands). A tall bluish lavender landscape lris in a class with Phyllis Bliss, and Lady Byng. Very prolific; very large size bloom of good substance. Height, 33 inches \$1.50
- HUSSARD (Vilmorin). A blue self lris taller than Acquamarine and probably as good as that variety. An excellent medium size bloom of good substance, but probably not equal to Wedgewood. Height, 27 to 30 inches.....\$4.00

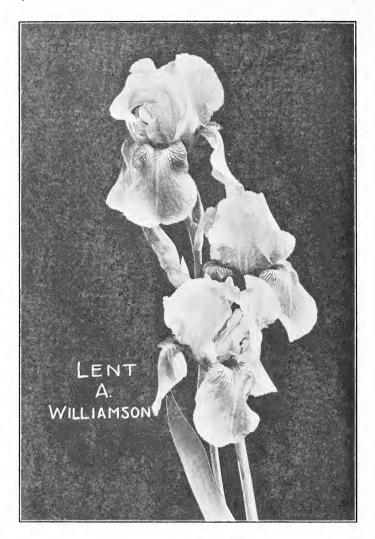
- IMPERATOR (Cayeux). S. red-violet tinted buff; F. deeper red-violet, with brown markings at base. The color is very pleasing and brightens up the garden. The bloom is of good size and was of excellent form and color in our garden. Late \$2.50
- IRIS KING (Goos and Koenemann). S. clear lemon yellow;
 F. rich maroon, bordered yellow. Its bright clear colors
 make it one of the most popular lrises among the variegatas \$0.35
- ISIS. (Bliss). S. medium China-blue; F. darker, with a little suggestion of purple; light beard. Nearly a blue self. A large, well shaped flower of good growing habit, and pallida type, which is free flowering and blooms in midseason......\$2.50
- ISOLA (Foster). S. light blue; F. violet-purple. Midseason. \$1.00
- IVANHOE (Millet). S. light lavender-blue, changing to yel-83 low at the base; F. violet-blue with brown markings at the base. Orange beard. A midseason blooming

- JACQUELINE GUILLOT (Cayeux). Pure lavender-blue self, white beard. One of the very best blue landscape varieties which will be in demand when it can be sold at a popular price. Late blooming; height, 36 inches.......\$3.00
- J. C. WELD (Perry). This new Perry variety is in a class with Leverrier, but does not have as much red in its color tone as that variety. Late blooming; height, 33 inches. The originator's description is as follows: "S. light rose-purple; F. brilliant crimson plum, shaded violet, brown base; remarkably effective; very late flowering". \$2.50
- JEAN CHEVREAU (Cayeux. S. light yellow shaded light brown at edge; F. milk white, thinly spotted with violet-brown at the base. This variety seems to be very good, and will stand very close observation. In a class with Mystic and Madame Chobaut. Midseason. Height 36 inches \$3.00
- JEANNE. S. pale lavender-blue with a silvery sheen; F. deeper lavender, fading to lavender-blue, blue at edges, prominent red-brown markings on cream white base.

 Orange beard; large bloom of very good shape and substance. Height 40 inches \$10.00

- JULIA MARLOWE (Shull). S. mauve; F. velvety red-purple with prominent brown-purple markings on white base. Orange beard. A fairly large bloom of good color and substance. We hope this new variety will prove as valuable as Morning Splendor, another one of Mr. Shull's lrises which we believe is one of the best in the world \$7.50
- KHAMSIN (Millet). S. yellow overlaid buff and rose; F. cream, heavily lined all over with maroon and brown.

 Bright yellow beard. Style arms yellow. Midseason
 \$1.00
- KOCHI. S. and F. very rich red-purple, and almost round in shape. Very good. Height, 12 to 18 inches. Early \$0.35



- LADY BYNG (Bliss). Clear pale lavender with a slight suffusion of rose. A good, late blooming Iris with some of the same charm as Phyllis Bliss. Height, 36 inches...\$3.00

- LEONATO (Hort). S. pale lavender passing to silvery heliotrope in certain lights; F. very large, of slightly darker tone than S. Mr. Wister and I saw this Iris in bloom in Sir Arthur Hort's own garden in June, 1922. It was the largest Iris either of us had ever seen, and the bloom was of good form and held gracefully. It is somewhat lighter in color than Lady Foster, and while it multiplies very slowly, it has been able to withstand our climate much better than that variety. We have had it in our garden over four years but we can not yet recommend its purchase on account of its very slow increase and scarcity of bloom \$7.50
- LOHENGRIN (Goos and Koenemann). A rich silvery lilac 82 flower which shows a delightful pink tone in the early hours of the morning, and late in the afternoon. Splendid stiff stems \$0.35
- LORELEY (Goos and Koenemann). S. straw-yellow; F. violetpurple edged yellow, showing much white at base. A bright landscape variety which blooms in midseason

- MADAME ABEL CHATENAY (Cayeux). S. rose-ash, slightly tinted violet; F. old rose showing more violet than S. and slightly tinted buff, red-brown markings on cream base. Orange beard. Yellow style arms with violet through center. An excellent Iris of medium size with very good color and substance. In a class with the beautiful Evadne, but not as tall as that variety. Height, 27 to 30 inches \$3.50
- MADAME BAZE (Denis). S. cream, dotted and veined lilacrose; F. cream with violet-rose reticulations at base; orange beard. Midseason. Height, 33 to 36 inches \$0.50
- MADAME BLANCHE PION (Cayeux). S. soft bronze-yellow; F. stand at right angles, lavender-blue, with silver shaded margin \$0.35
- MADAME BOULLET (Denis). S. buff, deep red edge, brown lines at base; F. yellow, lined and dotted deep brown. Used for landscape effect. The predominating color is tan with a slight suggestion of cream. Height, 24 to 27 inches \$0.35
- MADAME BOYER (Denis). A medium-sized bloom not quite as red as Peau Rouge or Auburn. Probably more the color of Evadne, but not as good as that variety. Gives a deep rose effect in the mass. Height, 21 to 27 inches.
- MADAME CECILE BOUSCANT (Millet)—Ricardi Strain. S. pleasing shade of violet-rose; F. same, showing more rose, with some markings at base; orange beard tipped medium blue to match tips of style arms. Nearly a self. An exceedingly large and beautiful flower which blooms in midseason and which was one of the best new Irises in my garden last year. There is a slight suggestion of

blue at the center of the flower which adds to its beauty. Height, 40 inches\$8.00

- MADAME DE GENLIS (Denis). S. white; F. same, well overlaid with violet-blue. Midseason. Similar to, but probably not as good as Rhein Nixe. Height, 33 to 36 inches.
- MADAME DENIS (Denis). Dull lilac pencilings on white ground in both standards and falls. Useful as a novelty only. We do not recommend its purchase......\$1.00
- MADAME DURRAND (Denis)—Ricardi Strain. S. light tan suffused with heliotrope; F. same shade, very heavily overlaid with deep violet-rose which is marked with some copper blotches. F. darker than S. Yellow beard. These color combinations give a very pleasing effect in the garden, for it has all the beauty of Quaker Lady with greatly increased size and height. Midseason. This variety has successfully withstood three Ohio winters for us \$3.00
- MADAME GAUDICHAU-See Souv. de Mme. Gaudichau.
- MADAME HENRI CAYEUX (Cayeux). A new variety from France which some Iris enthusiasts believe to be superior to Ambassadeur because the standards are a deeper lilac color and possibly even better quality than that variety. We do not yet admit its superiority, but we confess we are greatly interested in this new variety which bloomed to perfection for us this year. Height, 36 inches...........\$10.00
- MADAME JANIAUD (Cayeux). S. lilac suffused buff; F. violet-slate margined lilac. Midseason. Height, 40 inches \$2.00

- MAGNIFICA (Vilmorin). S. light violet-blue; F. long, deep 91 red-violet, with brown markings on light ground at the haft; orange beard. An Iris of extraordinary size and striking color, and if it were as dependable in its growth and blooming habit as Madame Gaudichau and Ambassadeur it would rank as one of the greatest Irises in the world. Midseason. Height, 40 inches..........\$1.50
- MA MIE (Cayeux). S. and F. white, with a pencilled border 81 of blue lines. An early blooming variety, very much like Anna Farr, but the falls are not as well rounded. It increases very much more rapidly than Anna Farr and is probably the most reliable variety of this particular color \$0.35
- MAORI PRINCESS (Shull). S. deep strontian-yellow; F. broad, velvety red-brown, margined yellow and veined red-brown on a yellow base. Deep orange beard. Fairly large bloom of very good shape and substance. In Iris King class but better than Iris King. Height, 27 inches \$4.00

- MARSH MARIGOLD (Bliss). S. good deep yellow; F. redpurple with a yellow border to match S. A good lris, which blooms in midseason and is in a color class with lris King. Height, 30 inches......\$2.00
- MARSOUIN (Vilmorin). This variety has recently come from France and on our new plants the flowers were of Lord of June type of red-lilac and red-purple tones, having also a suggestion of the beautiful colors found in Medrano. The bloom stalks were only 24 inches tall this year, but we believe that on older plants we will find greater height \$5.00

- MARY GIBSON (Perry). This new lris has been in America only two or three years and we have heard many comments upon its beauty. S. light rose, suffused buff; F. deeper rose slightly suffused violet and buff with bronze markings on cream base. Bright orange beard. A very dainty and pleasing color. Nothing quite like it. An excellent bloom of medium size and good substance on very tall bloom stalks. Height, 36 to 42 inches..................\$10.00
- MARY ORTH (Farr). S. light blue-violet; F. dark blue violet; a large dome-shaped flower of good form and color. Almost as large as Lord of June with darker color and better standards. Late \$1.00
- MASSENA (Cayeux). Very tall, pink-lilac self. Darker in color than Mme. Cecile Bouscant, and it has an altogether different formation and is taller than that variety. Massena does not have as much pink in its color tone as Aphrodite, and it has the same attractive qualities as Sweet Lavender. We believe it is a most excellent land-scape variety on account of its height, branching habit, size and color. Midseason. Height 36 to 40 inches \$5.00
- MEDALLION (Sturtevant). S. splendid yellow, well arched; F. red-brown with yellow and white markings at base. In a class with Flammenschwert, Marsh Marigold, Solana, and Iris King. Very useful for landscape purposes on account of its prolific bloom. Midseason. Height 33 to 36 inches \$\square\$0.35
- MEDRANO (Vilmorin). A splendid Iris from France which, 85 while having been on the market longer than Allies, has some of its mysterious charm and coloring. It has excellent qualities both in the S. and F., and gives a rose-lilac effect somewhat similar to Auburn and Rosalba. It is of medium height, 24 to 30 inches, and its bloom is much above the average in size. We appreciate it more each year \$1.00
- MENETRIER (Denis)—Ricardi Strain. S. buff slightly suffused with lavender; F. same shade very heavily overlaid with red-purple in center with edges to match. Good yellow beard. Large bloom of good substance. Midseason. Not as tall as Leverrier. Height, 33 to 40 inches.

 \$1.50
- MESTOR (Perry). In the great rush of the blooming season, we accidentally overlooked getting our own description of this new variety. Here is Mr. Perry's description of it. "One of my finest seedlings, perfect habit, enormous flowers. S. broad and incurved, light violet-blue; F. broad, rich violet-overlaid black; bold and impressive".

MILDRED PRESBY (Farr). S. white with a thin line of violet on extreme edge, blotched violet-purple; F. a deep velvety veined brown-purple on cream base. More red in the F. than in Daphne. Yellow beard. This is, we believe, the very best Iris originated by the late Mr. Farr. Height 30 inches \$2.50



MLLE. SCHWARTZ (Denis)
87 Ricardi Strain. Pale
mauve. Flowers of good
size and form. One of
the best and most artistic Irises in commerce,
although we believe
Mother of Pearl will
prove more satisfactory
due to its hardier, more
vigorous growing habit;
the colors are somewhat
similar \$1.50

MLLE. YVONNE PELLETIER
(Millet). Sky blue with
prominent golden yellow
beard. Late blooming
landscape variety.
Height 36 inches.....\$1.00

M. TRINIDAD (Denis). A clear lilac-mauve \$2.50

- MONSIGNOR (Vilmorin). S. pale violet; F. same, richly over-84 laid with deep violet-purple. Edge of F. same color as S. Beard orange, tipped brown. Large bloom of good color.

- MOTHER OF PEARL (Sturtevant). S. and F. pale bluish-lavender, with a faint creamy undertone. Large flowers of perfect form and exceptional substance. The creamy undertone of this exceptional substance often assumes the luster and iridescence which we see in the beautiful lining of sea shells which produce Mother of Pearl. The plant is tall, a vigorous grower, and a profuse bloomer. We consider it by far the best lris of its color in the world

- MRS. ALAN GRAY (Foster). This an old lris with comparatively small size bloom, but the color is such a fine light shade of lilac-pink that it is valuable in our gardens \$0.35
- MRS. CHARLES PEARSON (Perry). A light mauve-lilac, or delicate mauve colored Iris with a beard tipped white. In a class with Aurora and possibly an improvement on that variety. Midseason; height, 33 to 40 inches.......\$2.00

- MRS. H. F. BOWLES (Perry). S. smoky tan: F. red mahogany-brown with reticulations at base. A good, medium size bloom, brighter than Menetrier. In a class with Dusky Maid. Midseason, height 30 to 36 inches \$4.00

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- MRS. TINLEY (Bliss). An early blue landscape variety with more lilac in its tone than Blue Jay. Good foliage and splendid yellow beard\$1.00

- MUSCADIN (Cayeux). As this variety bloomed in our garden this year for the first time we found that it has good yellow standards. Cream colored F. overlaid with a faint red purple, lighter on the edges. It has a light yellow beard \$5.00
- MUZERIS (Perry). S. clear apricot, flushed old rose; F. bright rose-crimson. Not as large as Leverrier or Deucalion, whose color it somewhat resembles. Late......\$2.50

- NEPTUNE (Yeld). S. pale blue; F. bright pansy-purple. In 81 Lord of June class, but darker than that variety. Similar in color to Trojana. Midseason. Height 33 to 36 inches \$0.75
- OBERON (Koehler). "A real lavender, giant in growth and size of flowers, of Pallida Dalmatica type, nearing Albert Victor in color. Unfortunately rather slow in propagation."—Originator's description \$2.50
- OCHRACEA COERULEA—See Sunset.
- OLIVE MURRELL (Perry). "A magnificent tall-growing, large-flowered variety of unusual coloring which might almost be described as a greatly improved "Quaker Lady." The S. are of great size and finely arched, deep lavenderrose shot with bronze. The slightly reflexed F. are a rich lavender-blue shot with rose and bronze. The rich buttercup yellow of the beard and style arms lights up the whole flower in a most beautiful manner. The blooms

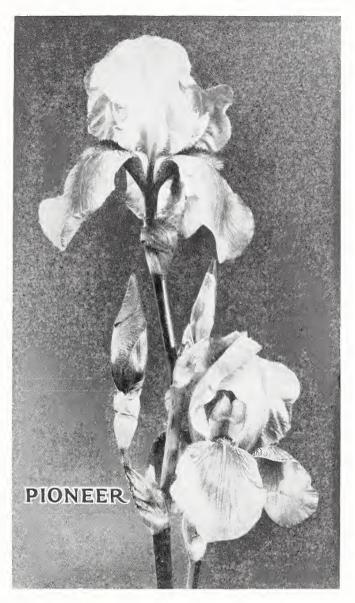
- are very sweetly scented. A fine grower and free flowering." Description by Mr. Murrell of the Orpington Nursery Company \$7.50
- OLYMPUS (Perry). S. cream suffused very light pink-lilac;
 F. rich red-purple of excellent size and shape, shading to silvery lilac at edge; beard, medium yellow. The bloom, when first opened, bears very little resemblance to the flower after it is open twenty-four hours. Similar to Abenda. Very profuse bloomer; distinctive. Flower above the average in size. Early. Height 40 inches \$2.50

- OPHELIA (Cayeux). S. tan suffused rose-ash and lilacpurple; F. same with more suffusion of purple-lilac with deep colonial-buff border, narrow but prominent bronze markings at base. Nothing else like it. An excellent medium size flower of good shape and substance. Height 30 to 33 inches \$12.50

- PALLIDA DALMATICA. S. and F. clear lavender-blue, shad-88 ing to pale silvery-blue at the base. This is the extra tall Pallida Dalmatica, taller and more vigorous than Princess Beatrice \$0.35
- PANCROFT (Millet). S. cream-white with slight rose tone at center and yellow tone at edges; F. ivory-white, pale yellow at base with red-brown reticulations. Very floriferous. In class with La Neige and White Queen. Midseason \$0.50

- PARC DE NEUILLY (Verdier). A splendid purple landscape 81 variety; S. slightly lighter than F. A very floriferous variety which blooms in midseason. Height 30 to 36 inches \$0.35
- PARISIANA (Vilmorin). S. white, dotted and shaded lilacpurple; F. white frilled at edge with violet-blue............\$0.35

- PENDRAGON (Bliss)—Dominion Seedling. "A typical Dominion-type Iris, one of the deepest colored varieties we have seen. The flowers are of extraordinarily stout substance and firm texture. The color is an almost uniform deep violet purple, blooms of large size, and fine form with flaring falls. Height about three feet, stems medium branched, a very strong grower." This description is by Mr. Murrell of England. Only a few rhizomes this year \$12.50
- PERRY'S FAVORITE (Perry). S. red-purple; F. deeper red-80 purple; orange beard. Very good color......\$2.50



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- PINK LUSTRE (Gray and Cole). "Pink lighted with yellow at center. Pink shade suggests color of old Pink Lustre Chinaware. Whole effect, almost pure old rose with satiny sheen. Flower medium size, good form, free bloomer. Height 30 inches."—Originator's description \$4.00

- PORSENNA (Yeld). S. silvery lavender-blue with a margin of pale orange or buff; style arms yellow and lavender-blue; F. red-purple, lighter at edges and reticulated at base. Its best quality is its splendid orange beard. I heard Mr. Yeld himself say, in a meeting of the English Iris Society in London, that he gave it this particular name on account of the extreme size of the beard. Medium size bloom. Midseason. Height, 36 inches

- PRINCESS OSRA (Bliss). A very beautiful white variety dotted with lavender on both S. and F. The garden effect is excellent for it is the largest plicata we have ever seen, but we could wish that the style branches were somewhat longer. A most interesting variety.....\$4.00
- PRINCESS ROYAL (Smith). Violet-blue, faintly tinted pink.

 A midseason variety, similar to Miranda, but with more pink in its coloring. Splendid for mass planting. Height, 36 inches \$0.50
- PRINCESS TOTO (Bliss). A splendid medium size plicata. S. cream, edged with pencilled lilac-red lines; F. a splendid cream of excellent quality with less pencilling than S. Almost pure cream at end of F. A new variety which is in a class with Anna Farr, Pocahontas and Ma Mie. Midseason \$1.00
- PRINCESS VICTORIA LOUISE (Goos and Koenemann). S. sulphur-yellow; F. rich, plum, bordered cream. Early. A good landscape variety, similar to Loreley, but with slightly lighter general color. Height, 21 to 24 inches. \$0.35
- PROSPER LAUGIER (Verdier). S. light bronze-red; F. vel-83 vety ruby-purple, with orange beard. In a color class with Peau Rouge and Valery Mayet. Midseason. Height, 36 inches \$0.35

- PROSPERO (Yeld). S. pale lavender; F. rich deep violetpurple, slightly lighter at margin. A very good, tall lris, which blooms in midseason, and ranks with Asia in quality, but which multiplies much more rapidly.......\$1.00

- QUEEN ALEXANDRA (Barr). S. fawn, shot with lilac; F. lilac reticulated bronze at base; horizontal in shape; beard, yellow. A trifle more rose in its coloring than in Sweet Lavender, and not quite as good as that variety. Late blooming \$0.35
- QUEEN CATERINA (Sturtevant). Pale lavender-violet self 91 with a white haft veined with bronze; rich orange beard. In a class with Mother of Pearl, and nearly as great a favorite. We do not hesitate to recommend it..........\$1.00
- QUEEN MARY-See White Queen.

- RHEINTRAUBE (Goos and Koenemann). S. good shade of light violet-blue; F. deep red-purple; orange beard. Midseason. This splendid variety is better than Hiawatha and Azure and is probably the best landscape variety of its particular color for it stands very erect and has a longer blooming season than Azure and similar varieties. We consider it as good quality as B. Y. Morrison, which is giving it high praise, indeed. Height, 33 inches......\$1.50

- ROMOLA (Bliss)—Dominion Seedling. This is one of the very best of the Dominion Seedlings. It is lighter toned than any other one we have seen. The blooms are very large with standards well arched and of pale lilac, tinged pale ivory. Yellow at the base. The falls are of velvety red-violet with light brown markings at the base. A strong grower and a most excellent variety................\$20.00
- ROSALBA (Bliss). We believe that Evadne is the only Iris which gives a better rose color effect in the garden than Rosalba, for this variety is superior to Roseway and is undoubtedly better even than Medrano for landscape effect, although Medrano is a superior quality lris.........\$1.50

- ROTORUA (Bliss). S. pale lavender-blue; F. similar shade, but suffused deeper blue in the center. A midseason variety, taller than Silver Mist, but both have very much the same garden effect. A tall, vigorous grower and profuse bloomer, which gives a light blue effect when planted in mass \$2.00
- RUBY PERRY (Perry). A medium size bloom of rose lilac which is so deep in color that you think of it being a light red lris. This is an excellent landscape variety somewhat darker than Harriet Presby and better than Paulina...\$2.00

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- RUBY QUEEN (Weed). Bright rose-lilac; late. Height, 33 to 36 inches. In Mme. Abel Chatenay class and possibly in Steepway class, though not as good as these two very excellent varieties \$1.00
- RUGAJO (Weed). Red lilac landscape variety in a class with Powhatan and Red Riding Hood. It reminds one also of Seminole, although it is not as bright as that variety \$1.00
- SAFRANO (Dykes). A new yellow lris which is not quite as good in color as Amber, and not quite as large as Golden Promise, and not quite as deep in color as Chasseur. The standards are slightly deeper than the falls and it has an excellent orange beard. Very few for sale this year \$7.50
- SALONIQUE (Cayeux). S. cream, shading to buff at base; F. very rich red-purple with some white and brown lines at the base; splendid shape, good quality; yellow beard. A midseason variety which is in a class with B. Y. Morrison, but not as large, and with more red in the F. than in that variety. It is also in a class with Rhein Nixe although its coloring is red purple instead of blue purple. We are not yet sure whether or not this variety should be preserved in commerce. Height 36 inches

- SARACEN (Foster). S. light violet; F. deep purple-violet; prominent brown-purple reticulations at haft. Large bloom; good quality in both S. and F. Early; height 18 inches. Can probably be discarded in favor of Alcazar which is both taller and which also has larger flowers.

 \$0.50
- SAUL (Denis)—Ricardi Strain. S. golden-yellow; F. maroon with darker veinings at the haft. A late blooming variety which approaches the Iris King class, but has an olive-buff tint in the S. It is probable that this variety will eventually be discarded, but growers in all parts of the country should have an opportunity to test it out in their localities before it is placed in the discard. Height 36 inches ________\$1.00
- SCHWANHILDE (Goos and Koenemann). Lilac-rose in color; medium size bloom. A midseason blooming Iris which compares in color with Aphrodite and Susan Bliss, but is not equal to them. Very prolific bloomer; flowers are almost all at same level. This variety also will probably be discarded before many years. Height 30 inches \$1.50

- SHERWIN WRIGHT (Kohankie). S. and F. golden yellow.

 This variety is in a class with Aurea, and the Iris world is anxious to find a new Iris which has the excellent color of these two varieties and which is also both taller and larger \$0.35
- SIMONNE VAISSIERE (Millet). S. white, strongly shaded azure-blue; F. brilliant aniline-blue, with gold and maroon reticulations at base. A midseason variety of Lord of June type, but with better S. than that variety. If any of the Lord of June type lrises are an improvement upon Lord of June, we believe that this variety is the one, but the lris loving public will decide that question when it has an opportunity to see both of them growing together \$2.50
- SIR GALAHAD (Shull). S. lavender-blue; F. red-purple with white reticulations at base. The originator's description is as follows: "Color and size like Magnifica, but with us, a much better grower and of greatly improved substance so that the S. remain erect in rain better than most varieties. Flowers have attained the height of six inches with S. three inches across and the whole effect is very massive. Mauve and pansy violet. Fragrant. Over three feet. Leafage like Dalmatica." We are sorry that this variety did not bloom for us this year, but if it is as good as the same originator's Morning Splendor it will receive a warm welcome in the lris world \$5.00
- SOLANA (Shull). S. bright primrose yellow, very pleasing; F. extremely bright red-purple; deep orange beard. Medium size bloom; height 36 inches. We are not vet sure that this variety deserves a place in the lris world. Midseason \$2.00

- SOUV. DE LOETITIA MICHAUD (Millet)—Ricardi Strain.
 S. very large and well arched; pallid bluish-violet; F. long and wide, pale bluish-violet with olive-bronze markings on cream base. Orange beard. The very largest and best light blue Iris in our garden. On account of its great height it should be placed in front of shrubbery. Height 36 to 44 inches. It has some Ricardi blood in it and so may need some protection during the winter..\$7.00
- SOUV. DE MADAME GAUDICHAU (Millet). This very dark blue-purple variety is undoubtedly one of the best Irises in the world. It has great size, splendid height, excellent substance, clear, distinct color and wonderful vigor. It has all the desirable characteristics of which any dark colored Iris can boast, combined with the ability to increase rapidly. We recommend it in every particular, to growers, to dealers, and to amateurs, and we believe that it, with Ambassadeur, Seminole, Opera and Mother of Pearl will be adopted by the great Nursery Houses and the Catalog Seed Houses as one of the varieties which will be offered to the millions of flower lovers of the United States. Early

- STAMBOUL (Foster). S. light blue; F. rich violet-blue. A 81 midseason blooming variety of Ann Page type. Height 36 inches \$.....\$0.50

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- SUSAN BLISS (Bliss). This Iris, originated by Mr. Bliss, Aphrodite, originated by Mr. Dykes, and Mrs. Marion Cran, originated by Mr. Perry, are supposed to be the three best pink Irises, or rather pink-lilac Irises which have been imported from Europe. Iris enthusiasts will want all of them and will also want to grow seedlings of their own from the seed produced by these varieties. This variety has some of the mysterious charm of Sweet Lavender \$5.00
- SUZANNE AUTISSIER (Denis). S. blue-grey heliotrope; F. deep red-lilac. A new variety somewhat similar to Alcazar and Magnifica, but probably a little taller and a little larger than either of them. Height 40 inches.....\$1.00
- SUZON (Millet). S. red-violet. F. red-plum with mulberry and white markings at base. The S. have a splendid suffusion of copper, purple and brown, and the substance of the petals this year has shown an effect similar to rich silk crepe which made the variety an outstanding one.
- SWATARA (Farr). S. Lobelia-blue, suffused bronze-yellow at base; F. bright violet, with conspicuous orange beard. In the mass this variety has a softer tone than Diadem and as the flower is of ordinary height, has a splendid orange beard, and short but well placed branches, we believe it will prove valuable for the landscape. Height 36 inches. Late \$0.50

- SYPHAX (Bliss). S. pale violet; F. deep crimson-purple. Like Rhein Nixe there is a very strong contrast between the S. and F., making it a very distinctive variety. It is not as tall in our garden as Diadem. Height 30 inches......\$1.00

- TROADES (Perry). A tall variety with splendid branched stems. Dull rose colored S., and bright rose-crimson F. A great improvement upon Colonel Candelot as a land-scape variety ______\$2.00
- TROOST (Denis)—Ricardi Strain. Some people believe this
 84 variety to be the best pink Iris in the world. It is a decided improvement on Her Majesty and Isoline, and the
 color is strong enough to be good for landscape purposes.
 It is not, however, in our judgment as good a pinklilac Iris as Dream, Mrs. Marion Cran, and Susan Bliss.
 \$1.00

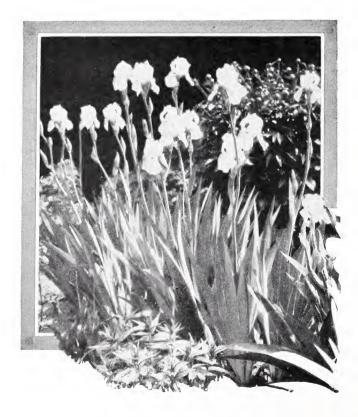
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- TUNISIE (Millet). S. lavender shaded olive-buff; F. deep violet-blue with brown reticulations at haft; orange beard. In class with lgouf, and very much the same color. Midseason \$0.75

- VELOUTE (Vilmorin). One of the darkest blue lrises we have seen. Darker than Blue Jay and somewhat similar to Perfection. It may prove to be an improved Perfection. Height, 18 to 24 inches......\$2.00

- VIOLA (Foster). Violet-blue self. Late blooming. Height, 36 inches \$0.35
- VIRGINIA MOORE (Shull). A very good yellow lris. 81 \$1.00
- VOLUMNIA (Newlands). A beautiful shade of heliotropewith light yellow throat and a distinctive silky sheen. A late blooming variety, in a class with Ann Page. Height, 36 inches \$5.00
- W. C. TERRY (Perry). S. light violet-blue; F. bright crimsonpurple with a bold white base; yellow beard. An Ann Page type of bloom with very much more lilac-rose in its coloring than that variety. Late. Height, 36 inches...\$1.50

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A clump of Mother of Pearl showing its prolific blooming habit.

Intermediate Irises

THE Intermediate varieties are taller than the Dwarfs and of less height than the Tall Bearded Irises. They bloom later than the Dwarfs and earlier than the Tall Bearded Irises, so they are Intermediate both in size and blooming season. In this general catalog we have omitted detailed descriptions of these varieties

ALPHONSO

Lavender and violet. Height, 22 inches	\$1.00
BLUE BOY (Foster)	
Violet-purple. Height, 12 to 15 inches	\$0.35
CHARMANT (Caparne) Light and dark blue. Height, 12 inches	\$0.35
CYMBELINE (Dykes) Soft blue violet. Height, 12 to 15 inches	\$5.00
DIAMOND (Caparne) White and bronze. Height, 12 to 15 inches	\$0.50
DOROTHEA (Caparne) White and lilac. Height, 15 to 18 inches	\$0.35
ETTA (Caparne)	
Cream color. Height, 9 to 12 inches	\$0.35
FREYA (Caparne) Lavender and violet. Height, 10 to 15 inches	\$0.35
FRITJOF (Goos and Koenemann) Purple and lavender. Height, 12 to 15 inches	\$0.35
GERDA (Goos and Koenemann) Cream and yellow. Height, 9 to 12 inches	\$0.35
HALFDAN (Goos and Koenemann) White with olive markings. Height, 12 to 1:	5
inches	\$0.35
HELGE (Goos and Koenemann) Yellow. Height, 18 to 21 inches	\$0.35
INGEBORG (Goos and Koenemann)	
White. Height, 10 to 15 inches	\$0.35
IVORINE (Caparne) White. Height, 12 to 18 inches	.\$0.35
JOHN FOSTER (Foster) White and lavender. Height 10 to 15 inches	\$0.50
JORDAN	
Rose-lilac. Height, 18 to 21 inches	.\$0.35
KING CHRISTIAN (Caparne) Yellow. Height, 15 to 18 inches	\$0.50
KURDISTAN (Dykes) Rich red-purple. Height, 9 to 15 inches	\$1.00
PRINCE VICTOR (Caparne) Lavender and purple. Height, 15 to 18 inches	\$0.35
QUEEN FLAVIA (Caparne)	,
Yellow. Heigh', 9 to 12 inches	\$0.35
WALHALLA (Gocs and Koenemann) Violet. Height, 15 to 20 inches	\$0.35
YELLOW HAMMER (Denis) Light yellow. Height, 10 to 15 inches	.\$1.50

Dwarf Irises

THE Iris season usually lasts about two months in our Van Wert Gardens, and it is always opened by the blooming of the Dwarf varieties.

The first bloom usually appears between April 10 and April 20, and we can count upon a Dwarf blooming season of about three weeks. The colors are white, purple, and yellow. We are looking for a pink-lilac and a good bright red variety which will give us a wider range of color, but the pinks and the reds in Dwarf varieties are apparently still in the distant future.

These Dwarf varieties in dry seasons send up bloom stalks from three to nine inches tall, but in a season when we have plenty of rain and plenty of sunshine also, the same varieties sometimes grow to heights ranging from six inches to twelve inches.

These Dwarf varieties are being used in ornamental beds, either of a single coloring or with a combination of colors. However, they are finding their greatest usefulness as low-growing borders for other kinds of plants and are particularly used for rock gardens for which, on account of their ability to withstand drought, they are perfectly adapted.

ALBATRE—Creamy white. 5 inches	1.00
ALBRIENSIS DELICATA—Silvery lavender. 3 inches	0.25
ALPIN—Purple. 4 inches	0.75
ARAMIS—Light yellow	1.00
ARMEE D'ORIENT—Lemon-yellow. 6 inches	1.00
BIFLORA—Deep violet. 5 inches	0.35
BLUE STONE—Pansy-purple. 3 inches	0.35
BOUQUET-White and violet. 4 inches	1.00
BRAUTJUNGFER—Pale blue and purple. 5 inches	0.50
BRIDESMAID—Creamy white. 4 inches	0.35
CANARY BIRD—Straw-yellow. 5 inches	0.35
CHAMEIRIS ALBA—Cream-white. 5 inches	0.35
CHAMEIRIS AUREA—Yellow. 5 inches	0.25
CITREA—Lemon-yellow. 5 inches	0.35
COMMANDANT DRIANT—Cream and violet. 6 in	1.00
COMPACTA—Purple. 5 inches	0.50

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COUNTESSE D'HAUTEVILLE—Raisin-purple. 6 in.	1.00
CYANEA—Red-purple. 5 inches	0.25
DIXMUDE—Violet-purple: 7 inches	0.35
EBURNA—White and yellow. 5 inches	0.50
ECLIPSE—Heliotrope. 5 inches	0.35
EXCELSA—Yellow. 5 inches	0.35
FIEBERI—Red-purple. 4 inches	0.50
FLORIDA—Creamy yellow. 4 inches	0.35
FORMOSA—Blue and purple. 5 inches	0.35
GARRICK—Yellow. 5 inches	0.50
GEORGE V.—Purple. 4 inches	1.00
GRAMINEA—Red-violet. 5 inches	0.50
GRAND MOGUL—Violet-purple. 4 inches	1.00
HARRIS—Blue and purple. 5 inches	0.50
LA PERLE—Yellow. 5 inches	0.50
LE BOUVET—Purple. 4 inches	0.50
LIBRA—Purple. 4 inches	0.35
LOBELIA—Purple. 6 inches	0.35
MAROCAIN-Violet. 6 inches	1.00
METEOR—Purple. 5 inches	0.35
MISTRAL—Violet-purple. 3 inches	0.50
NEMROD—Velvety-purple. 5 inches	1.00
NIOBE—Royal purple. 4 inches	0.35
NUDICAULIS—Black-purple. 4 inches	0.50
ORANGE QUEEN—Yellow. 5 inches	0.50
PETITE AMIE—White and purple. 5 inches	0.35
PETIT DANIEL—Blue-purple. 4 inches	1.00
PUMILA ALBA—Cream. 6 inches	0.35
PUMILA NOVA AUREA—Yellow. 4 inches	0.35
STANDARD—Pansy-purple. 4 inches	0.50
SNOW CUP—White. 5 inches	0.35
SYRA-Red-purple and black-purple. 6 inches	
THE BRIDE—White. 7 inches	0.35
VILLEREAL—Violet and purple. 6 inches	1.00
VERDUN—Heliotrope and violet. 4 inches	1.00
VERNA—Lilac and purple. 4 inches	
ZANZIBAR—Lavender and violet. 5 inches	
ZULLICHAU-Violet and red-purple. 3 inches	0.50

Beardless Irises

THERE are a great many species, sub-species, and varieties of beardless Irises—far more than of the bearded kinds. The late W. R. Dykes published a book in 1913 called "The Genus Iris" in which there are forty-six plates showing about fifty different species of Irises in natural size and color. We have lately been going through the pages of this wonderful book and we have been much surprised to find that the beardless types far out-number the bearded species. Unfortunately many of them are not of as easy cultivation as the bearded species, but some of them have far more beautiful flowers and others more landscape value than anything so far seen in American gardens.

We have been growing a number of beardless varieties for ten or twelve years and a few years ago we listed some of them in our catalogue and found a ready sale for them, but after being planted in our customers' gardens, we were often notified that they failed to grow and this has convinced us that we do not, at the present time, know exactly the right time to dig, divide, ship,

and replant these species and varieties.

In this catalogue we are listing a few beardless varieties with price, but we do not want any of our customers to order these in quantity of us now. We shall be glad to have any customer try one each of a very few varieties and order them at any season during the year when they can be dug and shipped and, within a year, report to us his success with them. When we can be assured of successful results in our customers' gardens, we will be very glad to sell beardless Irises in quantity, but at the present time we believe that Iris lovers should join together in a campaign of study and education so that we may all know how to get the benefit of the beauty and the landscape value of beardless Irises

We are importing from England between fifty and one hundred new species and varieties of beardless Irises, but we do not confidently look forward to getting more than twenty-five per cent of these new varieties to establish themselves the coming season, but we intend to try importing them again during several seasons until America can have a representative collection of the choice beardless Irises of the world.

Planting and Cultivating Irises

RISES are easy to grow, and thrive best in a well-drained, sunny location, but if the latter is impossible, exposure to the sun half of the day will suffice. Fertilizer is not necessary unless the soil is in poor condition and, in that case, we advise the use of bone-meal. If the soil lacks lime, ground limestone worked into the soil will benefit it. If barnyard fertilizer is used, it must be well decayed and thoroughly worked into the soil.

Plant so that the top of the rhizome (root) is not more than one-half inch below the surface. If possible, the bed in which lrises are planted should be elevated two or three inches above the surrounding soil, so that any surplus water will drain off quickly.

Irises may be planted any month in the year when the ground can be worked, but rhizomes planted after July 1st usually show very little growth above ground, for it is at this time that they are making the root growth and developing the eyes for next year's increase, so do not be discouraged if you fail to notice any growth in the fall. A slight covering of straw the first season, applied usually about December 10th, helps to avoid heaving caused by the alternate freezing and thawing in February and March. In this latitude the covering should be removed in early April. After the first year no covering is necessary.

Irises are exceptionally free from disease, root rot being probably the most troublesome. This is caused by poor drainage, lack of sunlight, some injury to the plant, or accumulation about the plant of decaying vegetable matter—all old foliage should be removed from the plant in early spring. There are several methods of treating root rot. We dig the earth away from the plant, scrape the affected part of the root and fully expose it to the sunlight for a couple of days. Some growers have found filling the cavity in the rhizome and the opening in the soil with powdered gypsum to be a successful remedy.

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P. M. Pryor, Council Bluffs, Ia, says-

"Last summer I bought from you a Mother of Pearl Iris. It is now in bloom. It has thrown up one blossom stalk crowned with nine immense beautiful flowers. They exceed all that you claim for them. Perhaps the Lord could make an Iris more beautiful, with more dainty colors, but man could not paint one to equal it. The plant is sturdy and healthy and the flowers are of good texture and do not blow to pieces."

Mrs. King, Gambrills, Maryland says-

"My Mother of Pearl Irises have been blooming for a week. They are most exquisite while they are still dew-sprinkled. On a gray morning they are perhaps loveliest of all. The stalks are very high and graceful, four and five blooms to each of them. They are by far the handsomest Irises I have ever seen. Some of my blooms are exactly like the color plate of your Mother of Pearl advertisement. Others have less lavender and more of mauve."

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